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### DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 2/20/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's reply of 2/20/2007 is non-responsive since it improperly elects two groupings from the election requirement of 1/17/2007. The requirements explicitly states in its very first line that only one grouping is to be elected. Applicant is required to elect one single grouping. Failure to elect one single grouping within the period for reply of this action will result in abandonment of this application. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

#### *Election/Restrictions*

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1,2, 7-13, 38 drawn to processing a query a search query, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- II. Claims 27-36, drawn to a method of rewriting a query, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
- III. Claim 37, and 41, drawn to a method of generating variations of an entity name, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
- IV. Claims 39 and 40, drawn to a method of restricting a search query, classified in class 707, subclass 5.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Art Unit: 2164

Inventions I and II, III, and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, subcombination I could be used with any of groups II, III, IV or any unclaimed method of rewriting a query, for example rewriting to correct spelling to match that most commonly used. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification and/or because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cory C. Bell whose telephone number is (571) 272 2736. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272 4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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